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17 MAY 1985

CERTIFIED MAIL:
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

ASHLAND CHEMICAL CO/IC & S DIVISION
ATTN: COMPANY PRESIDENT
8 BROAD STREET
BINGHAMTON NY 13904

Re: Scientific Chemical Processing, Inc., 216 Paterson
Plank Rd., Carlstadt, New Jersey

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), intends to expend public funds to investigate the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the above-referenced site. EPA also intends to spend public funds on any investigative and corrective measures necessary to control such release and/or threatened release. EPA intends to do so pursuant to applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.

Under section 107(a) of CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for any costs incurred by the government in taking corrective actions at the site. Such costs may include but need not be limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, cleanup of the site and enforcement. By this letter, EPA is notifying you of your potential liability with regard to this matter.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and past owners or operators and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of them. Based on information in the possession of EPA, and/or information submitted by your company, including but not limited to, New Jersey Special Waste Manifests, and/or information submitted by your company, EPA believes that your company may be a responsible party.

Upon request, the Agency will discuss this information with you and will provide additional information on the nature and extent of the release and/or threatened release. Instructions on how to contact EPA's representative are set forth below.

You are hereby notified that EPA is planning to conduct the following studies at the site:

1. A remedial investigation to identify the nature and extent of the release and threatened release. The goals of this investigation may include:
 - a) identification of local hydrogeological characteristics to evaluate groundwater quality and movement in the vicinity of the site;
 - b) determination of the extent of soil, air and surface water contamination at the site.
2. Feasibility studies to evaluate possible remedial actions to remove or contain hazardous substances at the site.

In addition to the above studies, corrective measures may be necessary to protect public health, welfare or the environment. These corrective measures may include, but may not be limited to:

1. Implementation of initial remedial or removal measures, e.g., securing the site to prevent contact with any hazardous or toxic substances, and/or removal of contaminated material from the surface;
2. Design and implementation of the EPA approved remedial option for addressing any groundwater, surface water, soil and air contamination;
3. Any monitoring and maintenance necessary after remedial measures have been completed.

EPA will immediately move forward with the remedial investigation and feasibility studies (RI/FS) unless you notify EPA in writing BY NO LATER THAN JUNE 17, 1985 of your intent to undertake the RI/FS. In the event that you decline to undertake the complete cleanup of the site at this time, EPA will invite you to undertake the design and implementation of the selected remedy upon the Agency's completion of the RI/FS.

Your letter should identify - by name, address and telephone number - your representative for further contact with you regarding this matter.

Your letter of response should be sent to:

Ms. Janet C. Feldstein
Site Investigation & Compliance Branch
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

EPA anticipates a request by the recipients of this letter for additional information concerning the proposed activities at the subject facility. Accordingly, we have reserved a time and place for a conference among all recipients. The conference will be held on Monday, June 10, 1985, beginning at 10 A.M., New York State Hearing Room, 44th floor, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York. Attendance at this conference will provide you with the opportunity to discuss with EPA your responsibility for addressing any problems at this site.

We have enclosed a list of the addressees of this letter, should you desire contact with each other before the June 10 conference.

Sincerely yours,


William J. Librizzi, Director
Emergency & Remedial Response Division

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